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1	TOBACCO LICENSING AMENDMENTS
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3	STATE OF UTAH
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7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill amends provisions of the Utah Health Code and the Cigarette and Tobacco
10	Tax and Licensing Act relating to tobacco licensing.
11	Highlighted Provisions:
12	This bill:
13	 amends license revocation provisions to provide that the revocation of a license to
14	sell tobacco is in effect for one year after:
15	 the day on which the time for filing an appeal of the revocation ends; or
16	 if the revocation is appealed, the day on which the decision to uphold the
17	revocation becomes final;
18	 provides that manufacturers and distributors of tobacco products who are
19	responsible for the collection of tax on tobacco products, and all retailers of tobacco
20	products, are subject to the licensing requirements, procedures, and penalties
21	described in Title 59, Chapter 14, Part 2, Cigarette and Tobacco Tax and Licensing
22	Act; and
23	makes technical changes.
24	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
25	None
26	Other Special Clauses:
27	None
28	Utah Code Sections Affected:
29	AMENDS:

H.B. 201 **Enrolled Copy** 30 **26-42-103**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 319 31 **59-14-203.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 319 32 **59-14-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 319 33 **59-14-301.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 319 34 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:* 35 36 Section 1. Section **26-42-103** is amended to read: 26-42-103. Violations and penalties -- Imposition by enforcing agency and tax 37 38 commission. 39 (1) If, following an investigation or issuance of a citation or information under Section 40 77-39-101, an enforcing agency determines under Section 26-42-104 that a licensee or any 41 employee has sold tobacco to a person younger than 19 years of age, as prohibited by Section 42 76-10-104, the enforcing agency may impose upon the licensee the following administrative 43 penalties: 44 (a) upon the first violation, a penalty of not more than \$300; (b) upon a second violation at the same retail location, and within 12 months of the 45 46 first violation, a penalty of not more than \$750; and 47 (c) upon a third or subsequent violation at the same retail location and within 12 48 months of the first violation, a penalty of not more than \$1,000. 49 (2) The enforcing agency shall notify the commission in writing of any order or order 50 of default finding a violation of Subsection (1) which is a third or fourth violation. 51 (3) The commission, upon receipt of the written notification under Subsection (2), shall 52 take action under Section 59-14-203.5 or 59-14-301.5 against the license to sell tobacco: 53 (a) by suspending the licensee's license to sell tobacco at that location for not more 54 than 30 days, upon receipt of notification of a third violation under Subsection (1)(c); and 55 (b) by revoking the license to sell tobacco at that location held by the licensee, 56 including any license under suspension, upon receipt of notification of a fourth violation under 57 Subsection (1)©.

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58 (4) When the commission revokes a license under Subsection (3)(b), the commission 59 may not issue to the licensee, or to the business entity using the license that is revoked, a license under Section [59-14-201] 59-14-202 or 59-14-301 to sell tobacco at the location for 60 61 which the license was issued for one year after [the date of the violation for which the license 62 was revoked.]: (a) the day on which the time for filing an appeal of the revocation ends; or 63 64 (b) if the revocation is appealed, the day on which the decision to uphold the revocation becomes final. 65 66 (5) This section does not prevent any bona fide purchaser of the business, who is not a 67 sole proprietor, director, corporate officer, or partner or other holder of significant interest in the entity selling the business, from immediately applying for and obtaining a license to sell 68 69 tobacco. 70 Section 2. Section **59-14-203.5** is amended to read: 71 59-14-203.5. Commission action to suspend or revoke license. 72 (1) (a) The commission shall suspend or revoke licenses to sell tobacco, as required 73 under Section 26-42-103 regarding suspension or revocation of a license due to the sale of cigarettes to a person younger than 19 years of age, upon receipt of notice of an enforcing 74 75 agency's finding of a violation of Section 26-42-103. 76 (b) The commission shall provide written notice of the suspension or revocation to the licensee. 77 (2) It is the duty of the enforcing agency to advise the commission of any finding of a 78 79 violation of Section 26-42-103 for which suspension or revocation of the license is a penalty. 80 (3) When the commission revokes a licensee's license under this section the 81 commission may not issue to the licensee, or to the business entity using the license that is revoked, a license under Section 59-14-202 or 59-14-301 to sell tobacco at the location for 82 83 which the license was issued for one year after [the date of the violation for which the license

(a) the day on which the time for filing an appeal of the revocation ends; or

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86	(b) if the revocation is appealed, the day on which the decision to uphold the
87	revocation becomes final.
88	Section 3. Section 59-14-301 is amended to read:
89	59-14-301. Registration and licensing Fee Bond exceptions.
90	(1) All manufacturers and distributors of all tobacco products, as defined in Section
91	59-14-102, who are responsible for the collection of tax on tobacco products under this chapter,
92	and all retailers of all tobacco products [shall]:
93	(a) shall register with the commission; [and]
94	(b) <u>shall</u> be licensed by the commission under [Section 59-14-202.] <u>Part 2, Cigarettes;</u>
95	<u>and</u>
96	(c) are subject to the requirements, procedures, and penalties described in Part 2,
97	<u>Cigarettes.</u>
98	(2) A fee may not be charged for registration and licensing of manufacturers, jobbers,
99	distributors, or retailers of tobacco products in addition to the cigarette license if such a license
100	is required.
101	(3) The commission shall require any manufacturer, wholesaler, retailer, or any other
102	person subject to this section, and who is responsible for the collection of tax on tobacco
103	products under this chapter, to post a bond as a prerequisite to registering. The bond shall be in
104	a form and an amount determined by the commission. If the bond is required under Section
105	59-14-201, the bond may be a combination, the minimum amount of which shall be \$1,000.
106	Section 4. Section 59-14-301.5 is amended to read:
107	59-14-301.5. Commission action to suspend or revoke license.
108	(1) (a) The commission shall suspend or revoke licenses to sell tobacco, as required
109	under Section 26-42-103 regarding suspension or revocation of a license due to the sale of
110	tobacco products to a person younger than 19 years of age, upon receipt of notice of an
111	enforcing agency's order or order of default, finding a violation of Section 26-42-103.
112	(b) The commission shall provide written notice of the suspension or revocation to the
113	licensee.

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(2) It is the duty of the enforcing agency to advise the commission of any order or order of default finding a violation of Section 26-42-103, for which suspension or revocation of the license is a penalty.
(3) When the commission revokes a licensee's license under this section the commission may not issue to the licensee, or to the business entity using the license that is revoked, a license under Section 59-14-202 or 59-14-301 to sell tobacco at the location for which the license was issued for one year after [the date of the violation for which the license was revoked.]:
(a) the day on which the time for filing an appeal of the revocation ends; or
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